

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-15, 17, 20-24 remain in the application for further prosecution.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-15, 17 and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-15, 17 and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0100358A1 (“Kaminkow”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,364,767B1 (“Brossard et al.”).

Personal Interview and Interview Summary

The Applicant notes with appreciation the interview with Examiners Wong and Hotaling on October 16, 2008.

The Applicant agrees with the Interview Summary Sheet provided at the end of the interview in which the Examiner acknowledged that the Brossard reference did not render the claims obvious and he would review the claims in view of other potential art. Specifically, during the interview, Applicant noted that Brossard does not disclose “the second display image presenting the unselected objects and their associated awards in a second group in a second region separated from the first region, the first and second groups being segregated such that the objects previously intermingled in the first display image are no longer intermingled when in the respective first and second groups in the second display image” as required by the claims. Further Applicant pointed out that Brossard did not have sufficient disclosure to explain the function of the cited images in Figs. 7-8 and thus would not teach one of ordinary skill in the art anything.

The Examiner confirmed that he would withdraw the 112 rejection based on at least Figs. 4-6 in the specification that properly supported the claim terms such as the credit meter.

Conclusion

It is Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and actions towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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